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A Final Office Action was issued in connection with above-identified application on April 8, 2003. On May 6, 2003, applicants timely filed a Communication in response to the April 8, 2003 Final Office Action. An Advisory Action was issued on July 11, 2003. Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time in which to file a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The fee for a small entity for filing a Request for Continued Examination is \$375.00 and the fee for a one month extension of time is \$55.00. Therefore, a check in the amount of \$430.00 is enclosed. Accordingly, this Preliminary Communication and Request for Continued Examination are being timely filed.

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